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FOLLOWING REPEAT NEW DELHI 15610 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DATED
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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 15610

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SUBJECT: NW YORK TIMES QUERY ON CIA IN INDIA

1. BERNARD WEINRAUB OF THE NEW YORK TIMES CAME TO SEE
ME THIS MORNING, NOVEMBER 20, TO SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN
INFORMED BY AN "AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE" THAT TWO AMERICAN
OFFICIALS HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM INDIA UNDER THE
"KISSINGER RULE". THIS REFERS TO THE SECRETARY'S
STATEMENT TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON
SEPTMEBER 19 THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINDS
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"ANY AMERICAN OFFICIAL OR ANY OTHER AMERICAN, OVER

WHOM WE HAVE ANY CONTROL AT ALL, ENGAGING IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN INDIA, THEY SHOULD LET US HAVE THE NAME AND HE WOULD BE REMOVED FROM INDIA WITHIN 24 HOURS. "I REAFFIRM THIS". THE SECRETARY REPEATED THIS ASSURANCE AT A NEW DELHI PRESS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 30. WEINRAUB SAID HE WAS NOT REFERRING TO THE TWENTY FOUR HOUR CLAUSE, AS IT WERE, BUT TO THE GENERAL UNDERTAKING.

2. I STATED THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO OFFER NO COMMENT WHATEVER ABOUT INTELLIGENCE MATTERS, AND THAT I WOULD ADHERE STRICTLY TO THIS RULE. WHETHER I KNEW A STATEMENT TO BE RIGHT OR TO BE WRONG, WHETHER AN ANSWER WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE UNITED STATES OR DISADVANTAGEOUS, I WOULD FOLLOW THE STRICT PRACTICE OF SAYING NOTHING. I ADDED HOWEVER THAT THE COMMUNIST PRESS HAD STATED THAT AN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE IN THE BOMBAY CONSULATE HAD GONE HOME AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. HE DID NOT KNOW THIS. I STATED HE COULD OF COURSE HAVE A LIST OF ALL AMERICANS WHO HAD LEFT INDIA IN THE PAST YEAR. I SAID HE WOULD FIND THAT THE PARTICULAR CHARGES IN THE COMMUNIST PRESS APPEARED BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS. I DID NOT NOTE THAT THE SECRETARY IN THAT STATEMENT THE SECRETARY SAID HE WAS REAFFIRMING A COMMITMENT WHICH PRESUMEDLY WAS GIVEN EARLIER, WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHEN THIS MAY HAVE BEEN GIVEN.

3 . ON OCTOBER 23 AMBASSADOR KAUL STATED TO THE INDIAN PRESS THAT WITH RESPECT TO THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT "I HAVE HAD OCCASION TO TEST THIS ASSURANCE AND I KNOW IT IS EFFECTIVE". MOYNIHAN UNQTE INGERSOLL

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